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Jean Miller Skipwith (1748–1826)

MECKLENBURG COUNTY
BOOK COLLECTOR

Jean Miller Skipwith, Lady Skipwith, assembled one of the largest libraries owned by a Virginia woman early in the nineteenth century.

NOMINATED BY: ALYSON L. TAYLOR-WHITE, CHESTER



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Kate Mason Rowland (1840–1916)

RICHMOND
WRITER

Kate Mason Rowland is best known for her biography of her great-great-granduncle George Mason.

NOMINATED BY: RASHAD HAIRSTON, IN PATRICIA COSTIS'S FOURTH-GRADE CLASS (2009), DREAMKEEPERS ACADEMY, NORFOLK



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Mollie Holmes Adams (1881–1973)

KING WILLIAM COUNTY
UPPER MATTAPONI LEADER

Mollie Holmes Adams helped preserve the Upper Mattaponi heritage by passing on the almost-lost art of feather weaving and recording her herbal remedies.

NOMINATED BY: ARLENE MILNER, KEYSVILLE



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IMAGE COURTESY OF THE STOVALL FAMILY WITH THANKS TO THE DAURA GALLERY, LYNCHBURG COLLEGE



Queena Stovall (1888–1980)

LYNCHBURG AND AMHERST COUNTY
ARTIST

Taking up painting early in her sixties, Queena Stovall created works that recalled her life in rural Virginia and earned her the title the “Grandma Moses of Virginia.”



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Ethel Bailey Furman (1893–1976)

RICHMOND
ARCHITECT

Ethel Bailey Furman was one of the earliest African American women to work as an architect in Virginia.



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Edythe C. Harrison
(1934–)

NORFOLK
CIVIC LEADER

Edythe C. Harrison's love of music led her to help found the Virginia Opera Association.



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Marian A. Van Landingham (1937–)

ALEXANDRIA
CIVIC LEADER

Marian A. Van Landingham founded a one-of-a-kind art center in Alexandria.



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Janis Martin (1940–2007)

DANVILLE
SINGER AND COMPOSER

Known as the “Female Elvis,” Janis Martin was a pioneer rockabilly star.



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